

NURSING MANAGEMENT OF INVASIVE DEVICES (CATHETER, LINES AND TUBES)



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Gastrointestinal System-Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) With Specialized Education and Training

	Initial Insertion	Initiate Infusion	Verify Solution	Replace/ Change/ Reposition	Monitor insertion s.:	Perform Dressing	Maintain patency	Regulate flow	Collect specimens &	/	Remove
Upper GI (Above Pylorus) Nasogastric Tube with or			ī	ı ı		I	ī			ı	
without Stylets/ weights											
Percutaneous Endoscopic	yes(1)	yes	yes	yes (1)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Gastrostomy & Gastrostomy	J 55(1)	,,,,	,,,,	J = (1)	,,,,	,,,,	,,,,	,,,,	,,,,	,,,,	,,,,
Tubes	no	yes	yes	yes (2)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (2)
Lower GI (Below Pylorus)											
Nasointestinal Weighted Tubes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
Biliary Drainage Tubes	no	N/A	N/A	no	yes	yes	no	N/A	yes	N/A	no
Jejunostomy	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (2)

<u>Footnotes for Gastrointestinal System- Licensed Practical Nurse With Specialized Education and Training:</u>

- 1 Tubes with a stylet may be inserted in a controlled setting where X-Ray verification is readily available. Stylets may not be reinserted once the tube is placed in patient.
- 2 LPN's may replace, change, reposition and remove gastrostomy tubes for the purpose of changing tubes through well-established stomas (3-4 weeks old) when ordered by the licensed independent practictioner, UNLESS the tube is sutured in place (see advisory opinion #6). If it is not well established, then tube placement must be confirmed by X-ray. The initial placement of a new PEG and surgically placed gastrostomy tubes may only be performed by the licensed independent practitioner. Surgically placed gastrostomy tubes may only be performed by the licensed independent practitioner.

NOTE: For additional information on gastrointestinal tubes refer to advisory opinions #6.